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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 19, 2002, in the referenced patent application, Applicant provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-22) directed to a filtration system.

According to the Office Action, drawings are not present in this application. This application is the United States National Phase of International Application No. PCT/EP99/06424 and includes the drawings present in the international application. However, substitute formal drawings are submitted in the accompanying Submission of Formal Drawings.

A favorable action is solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this Response is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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